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TAGS: EC, ETRD, DM

SUBJECT: JULY 9-11 LAGOS MINISTERIAL MEETING OF PRESENT AND

PROSPECTIVE AFRICAN EC ASSOCIATES

1. NEW ZAIRIEN AMBASSADOR KUMUAMBA TOLD ME JUNE 11 THAT
INITIAL TELEGRAMS FROM ZAIRIAN DELEGATION AT SUBJECT MEETING INDICATE

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A) FRANCOPHONES AND ANGLOPHONES INITIALLY HAD DIFFICULTY
GETTING ON SAME WAVE LENGTH BECAUSE OF ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN FRANCO
PHONES WHO ARE STILL CLOSELY ATTACHED TO FRANCE.

B) USEFUL DIALOGUE, HOWEVER, SEEN ESTABLISHED, AND PROSPECTS
FOR UNITED AFRICAN FRONT AT JULY 25-26 MEETING WITH EC ARE GOOD.

2. RE DAHOMEAN POSITION ON REVERSE PREFERENCES, DIRECTOR OF PLAN

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IBRAHIM, WHO WAS KEY MRGD PARTICIPANT AT MAY 9 13 ABIDJAN MEETING

AND AT MAY 24 29 21ST COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA,
TOLD ME RECENTLY THAT UNLIKE OTHER ENTENTE COUNTRIES (TOGO EXCEPTED)
WHO WAFFLED ON QUESTION, HIS GOVERNMENT TOOK UNEQUIVOCAL STAND
AGAINST REVERSE PREFERENCES AND HAD NO INTENTION OF CHANGING THIS
POSITION.

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